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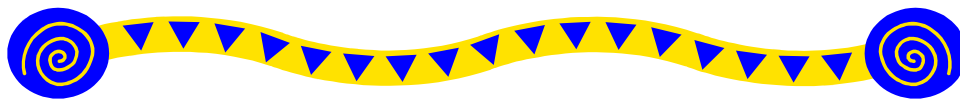
Commissioner's Review 2010 Overview

On February 2, 2009, Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) and/or schools will receive a description of the **2010 Commissioner's Review criteria** to be used for the electronic submission and the subsequent site visit. Both of these will then inform evaluations regarding **full-approval** of their High School Diploma System. Along with this description, LEAs will also receive a copy of the **Electronic Template** to be used for the submission. The submission will detail progress made since Commissioner's Review 2008 and will address the identified concerns from the 2008 review. The information provided in the electronic submission will guide the focus of the site visits as part of the Commissioner's Review for 2010.

During the **week of February 9**, each LEA/school will receive an email with the Commissioner's review criteria and the electronic submission template as attachments. Additionally, the email will include a list of the items representing key areas that needed continued attention under **preliminary approval**, as indicated in the **January 2008** letter. A description of the progress made in addressing the outstanding issues from 2008 must be included in the electronic submission.

The deadline for delivery of LEAs'/schools' completed Commissioner's Review Electronic Templates is on (or before) **Friday, May 1**. Review of the electronic submissions by teams of experts will take place over the course of the spring and summer of 2009.

School visits will be scheduled to begin in fall of 2009. In September, LEAs/schools will be contacted with a list of preferable dates; once the dates are selected, review-team leaders will contact LEA/school with questions regarding focus areas for the visit.



See the following page for the schedule of the 2010 Commissioner's Review.

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Schedule of Commissioner's Review for 2010 *

May 1, 2009	Electronic submission addressing focus questions and reporting progress on outstanding items from January 2008 review
Spring-Summer09	Review teams analyze the electronic submissions and draft focus items for Commissioner's Review visit
September 2009	LEAs/Schools contacted by review teams to discuss site visit and focus of review. LEAs/school visits scheduled for fall 2009
Fall 2009	Site visits conducted by review teams, findings summarized and the information from the electronic submission and the visit is presented to Commissioner's Office. Commissioner's office staff, facilitated by members of the Secondary Redesign office, review summaries and make final determination of approval status. Notification of approval status communicated no later than January 4, 2010
2011	Commissioner's Review for systems according to 2012 criteria

* One district will be chosen for early review in the spring of 2009 to train and calibrate the review team. If a district is interested in submitting for early review, please contact the Office of Middle and High School Redesign (sharon.lee@ride.ri.gov) of your intent before Friday, February 13.